IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 (original) Pressure-measuring apparatus, comprising:

a battery;

a pressure transducer, which is adapted to be placed in a patient, the pressure transducer having a characteristic mechanical response bandwidth f, and a corresponding mechanical response period p equal to 1/f; and

a control unit, which is adapted to actuate the battery tod rive current through the pressure transducer for a current-driving time period less than 0.5 p, and to sense an electrical characteristic of the pressure transducer during the current-driving time period.

Claims 2 - 276 (cancelled).

Respectfully submitted,

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